

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration of the present application. No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been amended. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-56 are presented for examination.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Brownstein (U.S. Patent 4,482,924). Applicant respectfully submits that Brownstein does not disclose each and every element of the invention as claimed in claims 1-56.

Brownstein is directed to a photographic film with means for receiving encoded indicia. Brownstein discloses that:

A film video player is provided to produce a television signal for displaying the film image. The video player includes cropping means for selectively varying the magnification of the displayed image, and for selectively translating a magnified displayed image vertically and/or horizontally. The video player also includes recording means for applying coded indicia to the film specifying a selected magnification and vertical and horizontal translation. A photographic printer for making reflection prints from the photographic film is provided with reading means for reading the coded indicia on the film and cropping means for varying the magnification of the image to be printed, and for translating a magnified image vertically and/or horizontally in response to the coded indicia...[T]he film is provided with a magnetic recording medium, the video player is provided with a magnetic recording head, and the printer is provided with a magnetic read head. The coordinates of the cropped image in the video player are magnetically encoded on the film by the magnetic recording head. The coordinates of the cropped image are read in the printer by the magnetic read head. (Brownstein, col. 1, line 61- col. 2, line 22).

Independent claims 1, 15, 29 and 43 each include the limitation of "storing autocrop data for each key frame of the sequence of images." Applicant respectfully submits that Brownstein does not disclose this limitation. In the present Office Action, the Examiner has referenced col. 3, lines 29-37 of Brownstein as disclosing storing autocrop data for each key frame of the sequence of images. Brownstein discloses that:

"When the image has been cropped to the satisfaction of the operator, coordinates of the cropped image, i.e. the magnification and the horizontal and vertical positions of the image sensor are recorded on the film by actuating a "store" button 44 on control unit 32. Actuation of button 44 causes control electronics 24 to apply coded indicia to the film, representing the coordinates of the composed image." (Brownstein, col. 3, lines 29-37).

The Examiner is equating portions of Brownstein's film video player that correspond to an image produced from a film frame as Applicant's claimed "key frame." Claims are to be given their broadest reasonable interpretation that is consistent with the specification, and terms of art are to be given their commonly understood meaning unless otherwise defined in the specification. MPEP 2173.05(a). Applicant respectfully submits that the phrase "key frame" is a well-known term of art in the field of film and video. A "key frame" is a frame of a film or video that contains significant video data. As defined in Applicant's Specification, "key frames are image frames of a sequence of images which are important to the sequence of images and include the first image of a sequence of images, and image frames which are substantially different from the prior image frame." (Specification, p. 6, ll. 27-33). Applicant has used the term in the Specification consistently with its well-known meaning in the art. The term "key frame" in the claims cannot be properly interpreted to read on portions of Brownstein's film video player that correspond to an image produced from a film frame.

Therefore, Brownstein does not disclose a key frame or its equivalent, as defined by the Applicant, and thus cannot anticipate Applicant's invention as claimed in independent claims 1, 15, 29 and 43, and claims 2-14, 16-28, 30-42 and 44-56 that depend from them. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention claimed claims 1-56 is not anticipated by Brownstein under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

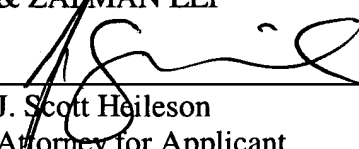
If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Scott Heilesen at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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